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Whitehall, June 8.

THIS day was published His Majesties Declaration, which follows,

CHARLES R.

WE cannot but take notice of the great Industry and Malice, wherewith some Men of a bedivious and Restless Spirit, do spread abroad a most false and scandalous Report, of a Marriage, or Contract of Marriage, suppoled to be had and made between Us, and one Mrs. Walters, alias Ba low, now deceased, Mother of the present Duke of Monmouth, aiming thereby to fill the minds of Our Loving Subjects with Doubts and Fears, and if possible, to divide them into Parties and Factions, and as much as in them lies, to bring into Question, the clear undoubted Right of Our True and Lawful Heirs, and Successors to the Crown. We have therefore thought Our Self obliged, to let Our Loving Subjects see, what steps, We (out of Our Care of them and their Posterity) have already made, in order to obviate the ill Consequences, that so dangerous and malicious a Report may have in future times, upon the Peace of Our Kingdoms:

In January last was Twelvemonth, We made a Declaration, written with Our own Hand, in these Words following,

THere being a false and malicious Report, industriously spread abroad by some, who are neither friends to Me, or the Duke of Monmouth, as if I should have been enter Contracted, or Married to his Mother; and though I am most conscientious, that his idle Story cannot have any effect in this Age, yet I thought in My Duty, in Relation to the true Succession of his Crown, and that future Ages may not have any pretence to give disturbance up in that sort, or any other of this nature, to Declare, as I do here Declare, in the presence of Almighty God, That I never was Married, nor gave any Contract to any Woman whatsoever, but to my Wife, Queen Catherine, to whom I am now Married. In witness whereof, I set my Hand at Whitehall, the 5th of January, 1679.

CHARLES R.

And this Declaration I make in the presence of

W. Cant. H. Coventry.
H. Finch. C. F. Williamfon.

TO strengthen which Declaration, We did in March following (which was March last was Twelvemonth) make a more publick Declaration in Our Privy Council, written likewise with Our own Hand; and having caused a true Transcript thereof, to be Entred in Our Council Books, We Signed it, and caused the Lords of Our Privy Council, then attending Us in Council, to subscribe the same likewise, And We ordered the Original to be kept in the Council Chest, where it now remains. The Entry whereof in the Council Book, is in these words following.

At the Court at Whitehall, March the 3d. 1679.

Present

The Kings most Excellent Majesty,

Lord Chancellor
Lord Treasurer
Duke of Lauderdale
Marquess of Worcester
Earl of Ossory
Lord Chamberlain
Earl of Sunderland
Earl of Clarendon
Earl of Essex
Earl of Bath
Earl of Craven
Earl of Aylesbury
Lord Bishop of London
Lord Bishop of Durham
Lord Mavynard
Mr. Vice-Chamberlain.

His Majesty was this day pleased to Command, That the Declaration hereafter following, be entred in the Council Book, it being all Written, and Signed by His Majesties own Hand, in a Paper which His Majesty this day delivered at the Board, to be kept in the Council Chest, viz,

For the Avoiding of any Dispute what may happen in time to come, concerning the Succession of the Crown, I do here Declare in the presence of Almighty God, That I never gave nor made any Contract of Marriage, nor was Married to any Woman whatsoever, but to My present Wife, Queen Catherine now living: Whitehall, the Third day of March 1679.

CHARLES R.

His Majesty Commanded us who were present at the Making and Signing this Declaration, to Attest the same,

Finch C. Essex
Danby Bath
Lauderdale Craven
Worcester Aylesbury
Ossory H. London
Arlington N. Durham
Sunderland W. Mavynard
Clarendon G. Carteret.

IN April last We found the same Rumour, not only revived again, but also improved with new Additions, To w^{it}. It was given out, That there was a Writing yet extant, and lately produced before several Persons, whereby the said Marriage, or a Contract at least (for the Report was various) would appear, and that there are several Lords, and others yet living, who were pretended to have been present at the said Marriage. We knew full well, that it was impossible, that any thing of this should be true, (there being nothing more groundless and false, than that there was any such Marriage or Contract, between Us and the said Mrs. Walters, alias Barlow) yet We proceeded to call before Us, and caused to be Interrogated in Council, such Lords, and other Persons, as the common Rumour did surmise to have been present at the pretended Marriage, or to know something of it, or of the said Writing; And though it appeared to all Our Council, upon the hearing of the said Lords and other Persons, severally Interrogated, and upon their denying to have been present at any such Marriage, or to know any thing of it, or of any such Writing, That the raising and spreading of such a Report, so incoherent in the several parts of it, was the effect of deep Malice in some few, and of loose and idle Discourse in others; Yet We think it requisite at this time, to make Our Declarations above recited, more publick; and to Order the same (as We do hereby, with the Advice of Our Privy Council) to be forthwith Printed, and to be read in Our Privy Council; We do again upon this occasion, call and Declare upon the Faith of a King, that there was never any Marriage, had, or made, between Mrs. Walters, alias Barlow, the Duke of M^{tw}een Us, and any Woman whatsoever, Queen Catherine, that now is, only And We do hereby strictly Re Subjects whatsoever, that they lish any thing, contrary to the on, at their Peril, and upon pain according to the utmost Severity an

Given at Our Court at Whitehall, June, in the 10th and 11th.

Prague, June 1. The Th^{at} Majesty remove from from thence, its believed to London section spreading it self every day more a in this City, and its neighborhood. The last week several of the Boors, that were taken in Arms against the Emperor, were executed, and its hoped, their punishment will deter others.

Francfort, June 5. There has lately been Printed and dispers'd in these parts, a Paper, containing several Conditions offered, as is pretended, by the French

French King, in case the Dauphin be chosen King of the Romans; but whether they be Authentick, or whether they come from some private Hand, who has a mind to publish his politick Conceits, we cannot tell. The Conditions as they stand in the said Paper, are: That the most Christian King and the Dauphin will make good the Imperial Capitulations, That the Dauphin will bear a due Respect to the Emperor That Burgundy, Lorraine, the Lower and Upper-Alface, the Bishopricks of Metz, Toul, and Verdun, with other Lands and Places, shall be restored to the Empire; and the City of Frisburg to the Emperor; That 60000 Men shall be maintained in Hungary, to be employed against the Turks, without any charge to the Empire, which shall only maintain a Body of 16000 Men. That all places that shall be taken in Hungary, shall be put into the Hands of the Emperor; That a considerable Fleet shall be employed against the Turks, near the Dardanellos; That two Universities shall be established in Germany for the several Religions; and Lastly, That the French King will renounce all pretensions to the Lands possessed by Charles the Great.

Strasburg, June 7. The Sicur Monclar continues at Landau; The 30th past, he sent to summon the Governor of the Castle of Falkenberg, to deliver it up to him, to which the said Governor answered, That the Place was entrusted him by the Elector Palatine, to whom it had belonged for above 100 years, and that he could not dispose of it without his Orders. The Fifth instant, the said Governor received a second Summons, and was told, that in case he refused, and staid till he was compelled thereunto by force, both he and the Garrison must expect a very severe Treatment; whereas if he obeyed this Summons, he might be assured of the Kings favour to him; but the Governor persevered in his first Sentiments, and we understand, that several Forces are marching with Artillery, to attack the said Castle.

Cologne, June 10. Our Magistrats have finally resolved to publish an Edict for regulating of Monneys, conformable to that of our Elector. The States-General of the United Provinces have declared, that they are ready to withdraw their Garrisons out of Huffselt and Majeek, so soon as the matters in difference between them and our Elector, are justled and have proposed Maestricht, as a place for their Commissioners to meet in, in but our Elector demands, that the said Place be restored to him; and that then all shall meet, to agree the difference.

Passengers come from Lubeck have seen on Saturday last in a Fire, to which some add, many Firebals, which break the Earth, which affords the or their Remarques. We can reason of the King of Denmark's parts; and though we have not it, yet it makes the new hand here, advance the work daily on them. Sir Garment has been at Cell and Hanouer, is now on his way to the Duke of Wolfembattel, June 15. The Marquis de Bourgamano, who lately came from England, has had several Conferences with the Ministers of this State at the Hague, concerning the present State of affairs of the Kingdom, and the preserving the Peace, it was

so lately restored to. The French King will be in Flanders about the latter end of the next Month, and in the mean time the Impatience is very great to see what ground there is for the Alarmer people in Flanders as well as in Germany seem to be at present in. The Heer Zitters who goes Ambassador for England is come hither to settle his private affairs, and having done that, will begin his journey for England, the Heer Starenberg who goes with the same character to France will be ready about the latter end of this Month.

Hague, June 14. The Marquis de Bourgamano continues still here, having received and returned the visits of the Foreign Ministers, and intends in few days to go and wait upon the Prince at Dieren. The States have made choice of the Sieur Moering to go in Quality of their Envoye Extraordinary to the King of Denmark. The Letters from France say, that the French King continued resolved to have the Title of Duke of Burgundy yielded to him; and that he was preparing for his journey for Flanders.

Paris, June 12. The King being some days since Hunting of a Bore, and going to kill him with his Sword, his Horse was very much wounded, as was likewise that of the Dauphin; and the Duke de Villeroi was overthrown with his Horse, and himself wounded. The Sieur du Quésne is sailed from Thoulon with 12 men of War, he has orders to go and seek the Galleys of Naples, Sicily, and Sardinia, and to oblige them to salute him first, and to Fight them in case of refusal. The Kings Gallies are likewise sailed from Marseilles, being divided in two Squadrons, the one of 18 Gallies commanded by the Duke de Froume, is gone to look for the Squadron of the Duke of Turis, to oblige them to the said salute, and the other Squadron commanded by the Chevalier de Nouvailles is to joyn with the Sieur du Quésne's Squadron of men of War.

Portsmouth, June 6. On Saturday in the Afternoon Sailed out of this Harbor, the Amelope Frigate Capt. Story Commander, and came to anchor at Spithead, being bound to the Streights.

Deale, June 6. There are now in the Downs about 30 Sail of Dutch Ships bound for the Streights.

Deale, June 8. The Rupert is now in the Downs having on board 450 Soldiers, bound for Tangier, the rest of the Soldiers designed for that service (who with Volunteers make 800 men, besides the 600 sent from Ireland) will be embarked on the Assurance, Sapphire and Ansilope, at Plymouth and Portsmouth.

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Whereas Moses Pitt, Bookseller of London, designs to Print a perfect Catalogue of his Subscribers Names, to the English Atlas; and add it to his Book, as a grateful Acknowledgment to their Patronage and Assistance in so good a design; but is to seek in several of their Cities, and places of Habitation; Therefore he has in a small Form, Printed such a List, as he is well able to do: which Catalogues are to be delivered gratis, at his Houles, at the Angel in St. Pauls Church-lane, London, Mr. Richard Davis, Bookseller in Oxon, Mr. Samuel Sampson's, Bookseller in Cambridge, to the end, that such Errors, or Mistakes, as are committed in the said List, may be signified to the places above-mentioned; that what faults are, may be corrected in the large Catalogue; And that if any other Gentlemen have a desire to Subscribe that they will be pleased to send to the said Mr. Pitt, or Dr. T. Principal of Brasenose Colledge, Oxon, before the 14th day of this Instant June.